

About Tiritiri Matangi

As one of New Zealand's oldest island sanctuaries, the motu is brimming with wildlife rarely seen on the mainland, you can gain first-hand knowledge of these threatened species and our country's conservation history. Thousands of people visit the motu each year and we ask that everyone respect the island and the experience of all visitors.

What to bring

- Clean walking shoes.
- Backpack (or closed bag), rain jacket, warm clothes, sun cream.
- Food for an energy packed day. Place food in a sealed bag/container, and all waste/wrappings are to be taken home. There is no food available for purchase on the island.
- Water bottle (water filling stations on island). Water and other drinks are available at the Visitor Centre.
- Pen/pencil for worksheets.

Do not bring: open carry bags, outdoor mats, blankets.

Ferry Information

- Students are seated in the lower level and are always supervised if small groups move to another part of the ferry. Note: with the present covid situation, movement on the ferry should be kept to a minimum.
- Be respectful of other ferry passengers.
- No running or jumping on the ferry.
- Travellers from Auckland City should use this travel time for morning tea and toilet facilities. Travellers from Gulf Harbour should have morning tea and use toilet facilities at Gulf Harbour.
- Rubbish should be placed in appropriate bins or taken home.
- On arrival all passengers remain seated while the DOC ranger gives a talk about Tiritiri Matangi. The Teacher in charge will then organise students into their school groups for the guided walk. The public passengers disembark first, then the student groups will pair with their guides and disembark the ferry.
- When disembarking, students are to **walk** supervised down the wharf alongside the handrail in an **orderly single file**.

On the Island

- Bags are put on the trailer to be taken up to the Visitor Centre for the students to retrieve at lunchtime. We strongly recommend that primary/intermediate students do not carry their packs or writing materials, sheets/charts to fill in but be left free to enjoy the walk.
- Students may take water bottles on the walk, however there are no toilets on the tracks.
- During the guided walk we request that all students and adults do not wander off, talk on cell phones, use earpods/headset, take selfies or have conversations while the guide is talking.
- The best way to interact with the wildlife is stay quiet, listen, and watch.
- Taking photos is an excellent activity. Please do not film our guides unless permission given.
- Lunch will be eaten at the tables in the courtyard at the Visitors Centre.
- Avoid dropping food crumbs. Human food is not suitable for wildlife.
- The Visitor Centre shop has drinks and gifts available for purchase. The school will determine whether students are allowed into the shop. If so, only 6-8 students, without their packs, are to be supervised inside the shop at one time.

Notes for accompanying adults:

- An adult must be with students at all times.
- Adults are to help look after the group, keep students on track, engage in the walk, and allow the students to answer questions posed by the guides or the educator. Please avoid talking on cell phones during guided walks.
- Tea and coffee is available for adults inside the Visitor Centre.
- Students visiting the Lighthouse/Watch Tower area to be closely supervised by a teacher to ensure students are acting responsibly.

Tiritiri Matangi's No No's..

- ❌ Running, ball games, tree climbing, throwing stones
- ❌ Shouting or yelling
- ❌ Noise from technology (phone, music, etc)
- ❌ Walking off tracks
- ❌ Remove organic material from the motu (leaves, feathers, stones)
- ❌ Littering
- ❌ Chewing gum
- ❌ Feeding birds
- ❌ Collecting or eating shellfish from the beach
- ❌ Drones, radios, bird callers, phone speaker
- ❌ Smoking (except on the wharf concrete area or outside the Visitor Centre)
- ❌ Fires



Take only memories
Leave only footprints

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